



# Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the 2021/2022 academic year. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back to school.

The purpose of this newsletter is just to clarify some of the arrangements for your child's return to school.

Mrs. Danielle Warren

## Coming to School

Children can arrive at school between the hours of 8.30am and 8.50am. They should enter the school through their year group gate and go straight to their classroom. Staff will be on hand to direct any children who are not sure where to go. The gates will close at 8.50am and any child arriving after this time will be classed as late. If your child arrives late to school they will need to enter the school via the front office so they can be signed in.

Parent/Carers are still not allowed to enter the school site without an appointment. There are designated places for you to queue to hand over your child or pick them up. If you have arranged to meet your child off site or you want them to walk home please make sure you have given them walking permission so they will be released by their teacher at the end of the day. You will no longer be asked to wear a mask at drop off and pick up times but you can continue to do so if you wish.

We are ensuring that we utilise as much time as possible while our children are in school. The school day ends at 3.20pm. The children still need some time to pack up at the end of the day and gather all their belongings. This takes some children a bit of time especially as they get used to being back into the school routines in a new classroom. Please do not expect your child to be at the gate and ready to be picked up at 3.20pm. Children will be released **from** this time.

Please remember that there will be no opportunity for your child to change before PE lessons in school so we will ask all children to come to school wearing their PE kit on the days that they have PE. We will communicate these days via your child's planner.

## Medicines

If your child requires any medication please ensure you bring this in to school with a completed medicines form. If your child requires 'life saving' medication such as an epi-pen you must make sure we have two 'in-

date' epi-pens in school with the completed consent forms. Your child will be sent home if we do not have this medication.

## Walking Permission

If you haven't already done so and you would like your child to walk home please make sure you have updated their walking permission on Schoolcomms. The permission you gave last year will still stand for this academic year but you will need to ensure you have reviewed this information and ensured it is up to date. If you have any problems please call Emma Nutt in the Office who will be able to help.

Remember, if you would like to meet your child outside of the school they must have walking permission to be able to leave the school site.

## Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets will be sent out to you for checking during the first half of the autumn term. In the meantime, if any of your details have changed please contact Emma Nutt in the school office to update these.

## Free School Meals

### Does my child qualify for free school meals?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - income dependent

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals [click here to find out more information and complete an application form.](#)

## Coronavirus Symptoms

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has had a positive test you must follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). Your child must not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If **anyone** in our school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, we will send them home. Your child must be collected by a member of their household and you should follow public health advice. They will not be able to return to school until you have confirmed to us a negative PCR test result or they have completed their isolation period.

The household (including any siblings) must follow the PHE [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).

## Track and Trace

Schools are no longer required to undertake contact tracing. This will be done instead by the government Track and Trace team. They will work with individual children and adults to decide who is a close contact and notify them accordingly. Children and young people aged under 18 years and 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal unless they develop symptoms.

## Wrap-around Care

Before and after school club will resume when we return. Premier Sport sent out details about the clubs before the summer holiday. All sessions must be booked directly with them. You can book your sessions via their [website here](#).

## Wellbeing

Don't forget, our wellbeing team, Ros Fombanu and Lorraine Walker are in school from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. If you need to contact them please ring the school office or email in through our school website.

## Peripatetic Music Lessons

Peripatetic music lessons will resume in September. More details will follow once we have timetables from NMPAT.

## And finally ...

If you have any further questions you can email your child's class teacher through the class email, phone the school office or email us through the website. We look forward to seeing you all on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**.

**WELCOME BACK!**